IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~an image information inputting device~~ a scanner having a document feeder directly connected to the image information storing server, not ~~by the users~~ to the network, with a cable, and configured to input image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and first and second sheets of format image information, the sheets of format image information being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image information;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image information input by the image information inputting device includes the sheets of the format image information; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the user name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image information is detected the storing of the sheet document image information in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 2 (Original): A network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said image information storing server is further configured to store image information having a plurality of pages ~~of pages~~ of original documents as one image file.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanner means for ~~inputting~~ scanning image information including both of sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and first and second sheets of format image information, and directly connected to the storing means, not to the network, with a cable, the sheets of format image information being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining means for determining if the input information input to the inputting means includes the sheets of the format image information; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the sheet

document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the user name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image information is detected the storing of the sheet document image information in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 9 (Original): A network system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 10 (Original): A network system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

said storing means stores image information having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claims 11-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users ~~connected through a plurality of client terminal devices~~ connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanning image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the storage and first and second sheets of format image information, the scanning directly inputting the scanned image information into the storage, not to the network, through a cable, the sheets of format image information being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining if the input image information includes the sheets of the format image information; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets, the document image information in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the user name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image information is detected the storing of the sheet document image information in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 16 (Original): A method for controlling a network system as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information or user group information.

Claim 17 (Original): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 15, wherein:

in said storing step image information having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.

Claims 18-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users ~~connected through a plurality of client terminal devices~~ connected to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~an image information inputting device~~ a scanner having a document feeder directly connected to the image information storing server, not ~~by the users~~ to the network, with a cable, and configured to input image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and a sheet of format image information, the sheet of format image information being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image information;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image information input by the image information inputting device includes the sheet of the format image information; and

wherein when the sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the user name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image information describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A network system as claimed in claim 22, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 22, wherein:

said image information storing server is further configured to store image information having a plurality of pages ~~of pages~~ of original documents as one image file.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanner means for ~~inputting~~ scanning image information including both of sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and a sheet of format image information, and directly connected to the storing means, not to the network, with a cable, the sheet of format image information being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining means for determining if the input information input to the inputting means includes the sheet of the format image information; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the sheet

document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the user name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image information describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A network system as claimed in claim 25, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information and user group information.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): A network system as claimed in claim 25, wherein:

said storing means stores image information having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users ~~connected through a plurality of client terminal devices~~ connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanning image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the storage and a sheet of format image information, the scanning directly inputting the scanned image information into the storage, not to the network, through

a cable, the sheet of format image information being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining if the input image information includes the sheets of the format image information; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets, the document image information in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the user name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image information describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A method for controlling a network system as claimed in claim 28, wherein:

the format image information includes at least one of user information or user group information.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 28, wherein:

in said storing step image information having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~an image information inputting device~~ a scanner having a document feeder directly connected to the image information storing server, not ~~by the users~~ to the network, with a cable, and configured to input image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and first and second sheets of format image information, the sheets of format image information being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image information;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image information input by the image information inputting device includes the sheets of the format image information; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a group user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the group user name, the image server allowing a plurality of users represented by the group user name to read the applicable folder or file of the group user name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image information is detected the storing of the sheet document image information in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 31, wherein:

said image information storing server is further configured to store image information having a plurality of pages ~~of pages~~ of original documents as one image file.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanner means for ~~inputting~~ scanner image information including both of sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and first and second sheets of format image information, and directly connected to the storing means, not to the network, with a cable, the sheets of format image information being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining means for determining if the input information input to the inputting means includes the sheets of the format image information; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the sheet document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a group user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the group user name, the image server allowing a plurality of users represented by the group user name to read the applicable folder or file of the group user name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image information is detected the storing of the sheet document image information in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): A network system as claimed in claim 33, wherein:

said storing means stores image information having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users ~~connected through a plurality of client terminal devices~~ connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanning image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the storage and first and second sheets of format image information, the scanning directly inputting the scanned image information into the storage, not to the network, through a cable, the sheets of format image information being on separate sheets from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining if the input image information includes the sheets of the format image information; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets, the document image information in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a group user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the group user name, the image server allowing a plurality of users represented by the group user name to read the applicable folder or file of the group user name, and

wherein when the second sheet of format image information is detected the storing of the sheet document image information in the prescribed folder is completed within one page as a file, said file being accessed by designating a file name.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 35, wherein:

in said storing step image information having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising:

an image information storing server connected to the network, and configured to store image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~an image information inputting device~~ a scanner having a document feeder directly connected to the image information storing server, not ~~by the users~~ to the network, with a cable, and configured to input image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and a sheet of format image information, the sheet of format image information being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image information;

an image information determining device configured to determine if the image information input by the image information inputting device includes the sheet of the format image information; and

wherein when the sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the image information storing server is further configured to store the sheet document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a group user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the group user name, the image server allowing a plurality of users represented by the group user name to read the applicable folder or file of the group user name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image information describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A network system as claimed in claim 37, wherein:

said image information storing server is further configured to store image information having a plurality of pages ~~of pages~~ of original documents as one image file.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): A network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising:

storing means for storing image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanning means for ~~inputting~~ scanning image information including both of sheet document image information to be stored in the image information storing device and a sheet of format image information, and directly connected to the storing means, not to the network, with a cable, the sheet of format image information being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining means for determining if the input information input to the inputting means includes the sheet of the format image information; and

wherein when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets the storing means further stores the sheet document image information in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a group user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the group user name, the image server allowing a plurality of users represented by the group user name to read the applicable folder or file of the group user name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image information describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A network system as claimed in claim 39, wherein:

said storing means stores image information having a plurality of pages of original documents as one image file.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling a network system including a plurality of users connected ~~through a plurality of client terminal devices connected~~ to a network, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, image information in various folders to be read by the plurality of users;

~~inputting~~ scanning image information including both sheet document image information to be stored in the storage and a sheet of format image information, the scanning directly inputting the scanned image information into the storage, not to the network, through a cable, the sheet of format image information being on a separate sheet from sheets of the sheet document image information;

determining if the input image information includes the sheets of the format image information; and

storing, when the first sheet of format image information is detected with sheet document image information on subsequent sheets, the document image information in the image information storing device in a prescribed folder in accordance with the format image information,

wherein when the first sheet of format image information indicates a group user name, the image information server stores the sheet document image information in an applicable folder or file of the group user name, the image server allowing a plurality of users represented by the group user name to read the applicable folder or file of the group user name, and

wherein when the sheet of format image information describes a group user name, said image information server continuously stores the sheet document image information in applicable folders defined by the group user name.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): A method of controlling a network system as claimed in claim 41, wherein:

in said storing step image information having a plurality of pages of original documents is stored as one image file.